(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). No representation has been received with regard to difficulties being faced by public limited companies in raising capital from the Public. Applications of Public limited companies for capital issues are processed keeping in view the relevant guidelines on issue of capital issued from time to time and consents for capital issues are granted if the proposal of the application company meets the guidelines/ norms on issue of capital.

(c) does not arise.

**Performance of Overseas Branches of Public Sector Banks**

7126. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the profit/loss in the overseas branches of public sector banks during the last three years bank-wise and country-wise;

(b) whether there has been drastic fall in the business of certain branches;

(c) if so, whether the government propose to wind up some of these branches;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The banks prepare their profit and loss account in the format prescribed in the Third Schedule of the banking Regulation Act, 1949. The profit/loss position of the bank as a whole is reflected therein. Profits/losses of overseas branches are not indicated separately.

(c) to (e). The operation of foreign branches of Indian banks are continuously reviewed by Govt. and RBI. Various steps have been taken in the last few years to monitor and improve the operations of the overseas branches. The steps are aimed at strengthening of personal policy and prudential norms in regard to lending limits and country exposures, reinforcing if internal and supervisory control promoting cooperation and coordination among Indian banks portfolio inspection fo international divisions closure of non-viable branches, review of problem credit etc. Important development relating to overseas branches are also discussed by Governor, RBI in his action plan meetings.Measures have been inititated to consolidate the overseas operations of India banks, which may, inter-alia include the setting up of an international bank to take over the existing branches of nationalist banks (except State Bank of India)

**Establishment of Ordnance Factory Defence College and Army Recruitment cum Training Centre in Karnataka.**

7127. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish an ordnance factory, a defence college and an army recruitment cum training centre in Karnataka in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PETROLUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE(SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Export of Coffee**

7128. SHRI S.B. SINDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the principal countries to which coffee was exported during the last two years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, yaar-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to explore new markets in the world to boost coffee export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) The principal countries to which coffee was exported during the last tow fiscal years were U.S.S.R. Yugoslovia, Italy, West Germany USA, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Switzerland and Romania.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned in 1989-90 and 1990-91 in respect of coffee exports to the above mentioned countries were Rs. 31559. 28 lakhs and Rs. 24753.51 lakhs respectively.

(c) Besides readjustment of exchange rate, the Government has recently introduced the EXIM Scrips. These are expected to act as an incentive for the coffee exporters to put in greater efforts in maximising exports and diversifying export markets

**Projects From Karnataka Pending for Clearance**

7129. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the projects and schemes proposed by the Government of karnataka pending for clearance with the Union Government; and

(b) the action taken in each case so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFAE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). References about Various road and bridge schemes from Karnataka pending with the Government are mentioned below alongwith their position:

(i) 11 schemes for conversion of State Roads into national Highways and 20 schemes to be taken up under the Economic and Inter-State Importance Programme. These proposals can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 166 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 13 estimates for works on National Highways. Subject to availability of funds and provision in the plan, these will be taken up after approval of the current year's Budget.

**Loans to Farmers by Public sector Banks in Karnataka**

7130. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Public Sector Banks in Karnataka, district wise and bank-wise;

(b) the total deposits in these banks, district-wise and bank-wise as on April 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991;

(c) the total amount of loans sanctioned by these banks in Karnataka, district-wise,